

VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT GUIDELINES

CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES GUIDELINE

POLICY: The Violent Crimes Compensation Board will award up to six sessions and related travel costs (not to exceed a total of \$1,500.00) through an emergency award for crisis intervention services on claims determined to be eligible under the following guideline.

OVERVIEW: Research has shown, most crime victims without complicating psychological issues beyond the victimization can effectively recover from the victimization if they receive appropriate and immediate crisis intervention service. Crisis intervention is defined as providing a victim with help through the initial coping phase after victimization. Board awards for initial response and assessment are based upon the willingness of the mental health treatment provider to address important crisis intervention related issues identified by the Board. The initial response/crisis intervention service may be compensated through an emergency award and any final award amount would be reduced by the emergency award amount.

CLAIM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete application submitted by applicant and received by Board
2. Police report received by Board
3. Verification the crime involved is listed in AS.18.67.101(2);
4. Verification the claimant/victim meets cooperation requirement listed in AS. 18.67.130(a)(3)
5. Claimant/victim meets “innocent victim” requirements in AS. 18.67
6. Claim meets statutory time frame requirement in AS. 18.67.130(a)(1) and (2)
7. Request from claimant for compensation of crisis intervention-type services received by Board

PROCEDURE:

1. Claim is determined to be eligible
2. Claimant locates service provider and notifies the Board
3. Board staff verify the provider has been sent a copy of the **Violent Crimes Compensation Board Mental Health Treatment Guidelines**
4. Board staff contacts provider to obtain agreement to provide mental health treatment according to **Violent Crimes Compensation Board Mental Health Treatment Guidelines**

5. Board contacted to determine Board's decision on Emergency Award
6. Claimant and counselor notified of Board's decision
7. Initial Response and Assessment form sent by facsimile to mental health treatment provider with directions indicating form must be received in Board office prior to first session.